

# Mayor and City Council Agenda Item Request

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**Meeting Date:** 5/20/2013

**Type:** Presentation

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**Call to Podium:**

Thomas Tran, Multicultural Affairs Committee

**Agenda Item Title:**

Proclamation of the Mayor and City Council Designating May 2013 as “Asian Pacific History Month” in the City of Gaithersburg

**Responsible Staff and Department:**

Michele R. Potter, Director of Parks, Recreation and Culture

**Desired Outcome from Council:**

Issue Proclamation

Public Hearing History	
Introduction Date:	
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Policy Discussion Date:	
Anticipated Adoption Date:	

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# **Mayor and City Council**

## **Agenda Item Request**

### **Supporting Background Information:**

The City of Gaithersburg recognizes Asian Pacific Americans throughout the month of May, providing an opportunity to learn and appreciate the culture, history and contributions of Asian Pacific population.

Sixty percent of the world's population lives in Asia, the largest of the Earth's five continents. And, seventeen percent of the City's population is of Asian Pacific heritage.

The Asian Pacific region is geographically diverse and a culturally rich area that encompasses 47 countries and territories including China, Korea, Japan, Indonesia, Russia, Vietnam, Thailand, Afghanistan, India, and Armenia.

The Gaithersburg Multicultural Affairs Committee has chosen to focus on, and to celebrate a different Asian country each year. This year, the Committee is paying tribute to Vietnam and to the Vietnamese Americans who have made Gaithersburg their home. Earlier this evening, in the City Hall Gallery, guests had an opportunity to enjoy the artwork, music and food of the Vietnamese culture.

We are honored to have Mr. Thomas K. Tran, Executive Director of the Association of Vietnamese Americans, to accept the Proclamation.